

Shepherd

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TO File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Soils Specialist *HS*

RE: Nephi Gypsum Berm Maintenance, M/023/011, Juab County, Utah

I spoke, tonight, with Bob Steele, co-operator of the Nephi Gypsum Mine. I called Bob at 10:30 p.m. to ensure connecting with him at home. I wanted to discuss a maintenance problem at the mine site.

I have visited the Nephi Gypsum site twice this year, once in early May and once again the first part of July. Both times I had observed two holes in the three foot berm that protects Salt Creek from the disturbed area. The holes were of large enough degree to allow for substantial drainage from the site during wet times of the year.

I sent a letter to Mr. Steele last month informing him of the problem on site. When I spoke to him I inquired if he had received my letter or not. He said he couldn't remember, so we discussed the problem again. Bob informed me that he would go ahead and install either straw bales or silt fence at the openings of holes in the berm to help treat drainage going off site.

Bob indicated that if he were to reconstruct the berm that water would pond on the pad and create a problem for equipment moving on site. We agreed that Bob would, instead of reconstructing the berm, go ahead and construct these sediment controls structures.

I assume that Bob will be doing this maintenance work this month. We didn't set a date, but it sounded to me like he would be getting out to the site as soon as he possibly could to take care of the berm problem.

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